

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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To Whom It May Concern:

Recent improvements in intraosseous (IO) technology now provides clinicians with a very effective and low-risk alternative for vascular access. IO access can completely replace high-risk femoral lines, and can also be used as a central line bridge in critical situations when the patient's condition does not allow for adherence to central line insertion protocol. The Infusion Nurses Society and the Emergency Nurses Association both have formal positions which support intraosseous access. AHA guidelines also recommend the IO route prior to central lines for patients in cardiac arrest. I respectfully recommend IO access be considered a standard vascular access alternative, and be added to all central line checklists.

Thank you for the opportunity to share ideas that contribute to patient safety and exceptional care.

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